

CLERK: Okay. Line 15, after "county" insert "the Tax Commissioner shall approve or disprove".

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, I'm a little bit worried about not using reappraisal in this language. Are reappraisals covered somewhere else in the statutes? This refers only to reevaluation. I think Senator Duis might have a point here.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Reappraisals are covered elsewhere. There are the seven standards, like he said. We aren't pulling these out of the statutes at all.

SENATOR NICHOL: Alright, fine, thanks.

SENATOR DeCAMP: They are very important factors.

SENATOR NICHOL: As to the Newell amendment....

SENATOR DeCAMP: I'm sure they come into play here too.

SENATOR NICHOL: Fine, thank you. The other, on the Newell amendment, I think that is the way it's done anyway, isn't it? Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to be very short and very brief. I won't talk about the moon and the stars today, but if the senators will listen one moment, I want them to understand that we have plenty of statutes on the books right now. We have plenty of information available. If you want to take away from the individual citizen, the right to go to his county assessor and talk about his taxes, and file a complaint with his county assessor, and if he doesn't get redress there and doesn't get what he wants there, he has the perfect right to go to the State Assessor. There he can go to the court with the State Assessor and meet the need. The only reason that he doesn't go is he doesn't have the money to do it. That is the biggest reason. The big corporations can go. So if you want to take away from him, what Senator Newell is doing, I think you are going to take away from the local taxpayer the rights of the courts of this land. So let's not start writing into law now something that we are going to interfere with the statutes that are on the books. Let's leave them just like they are. Let's give the individual the right to do it. I think some of these amendments, of DeCamp's and Newell's today, are going to take away from the rights of the individual to the court.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Dick Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, I think we're trying to build something into the statutes that are already here. Chapter 77-508.01 "State Board of Equalization and Assessment, they may raise or lower evaluation to achieve inter-county equalization, valuation factors employed. The State Board of Equalization and Assessment shall, pursuant to Section 77-508, raise or lower the valuation of property in any county, or in any class of property in a county when it is necessary to achieve inter-county equalization. In determining the